

Thursday, January 16, 2020

6:30pm

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

NOTES

Members Present:, Johnny Calkins, John Kulstad, Ben Winker, Jeff Dunk, Charlie Caldwell, Scott Binder, Director David Couch, David Coelho, Beth Frink

Members Absent: Laura Bridy, Chad Sefcik

Guests: Jason Orlandi, Jack Durham (McK. Press)

Meeting Notes:

Communications:

- Staff reported that Committee Member John Kulstad's term is up at the end of January.
- Committee members voted to recommend his re-appointment and continued service.

Public Comment:

- No public comment

Election of Officers:

- Member Jeff Dunk nominated Johnny Calkins to serve as Chair; John Kulstad seconded the nomination. J. Calkins was elected with a unanimous vote of committee.
- Member Johnny Calkins nominated member Scott Binder for Vice Chair. David Coelho seconded. S. Binder was elected by a unanimous vote of the committee.

Candidates for open RAC seats:

- Staff shared the letters of application from Josh Zender and Kassidy Bertoldi for open RAC seats, with the committee.
- The committee discussed the candidates and voted to recommend appointment of both candidates for seats as selected by the MCSD Board.

BMX Community Interest in Building McKinleyville Track

- Staff shared and committee reviewed the information gleaned from the public input meeting held on December 11th.
- Jason Orlandi, also shared his input gleaned from the Dec. 11th public input meeting.
- Staff and committee members advised Mr. Orlandi on appropriate next actions to best prepare a presentation for the MCSD Board within the next 2-3 months.

Community Garden:

- Ben Winker reported that he has not reached out to plot owners yet as the weather has been wet and unpleasant, however he intends to do so soon.

Botanical Garden:

- Member Beth Frink shared an outline to the committee for a possible plan to convert the botanical garden into a pollinator garden.
- The idea was discussed and well received by the committee.
- Staff committed to meeting with Beth before the February RAC meeting to provide direction on creating an action plan for transforming the garden.

Parking at Hiller Park:

- Johnny Calkins reported on his communications with the county regarding the portion of the Hammond trail at Hiller park. As county is not responsible for that section of trail, they are unable to dedicated resources to mitigating the parking issues.
- Staff reported an estimated cost of over \$3500 to install short posts along the trail to prevent cars from parking on the trail.
- The committee discussed possible alternatives to posts such as jersey barriers and parking bumpers.

Recreation Program Updates:

- Playgroup- Continues to have 30-35 families per day three days per week.
- Tot-letics- Soccer session began Jan. 11th
- Drop in Pickleball- 10-15 participants two days per week.
- Drop in Basketball- 20-25 participants every Sunday
- Youth Basketball League- Began January 6th. Serving over 180 youth in 3rd-10th grades.
- Paint Night- January paint night hosted 10 painters, 6 of which wer first time participants.
- Family Skate Night- hosted 15 participants

AdHoc Committee Reports:

- Hewitt Ranch—No report
- Skate Park—working on permitting; awaiting grant responses.
- School and Washington Property—No report
- River Property—No report
- Fischer Ranch Estuary project—No report
- BMX— See notes on above

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- Form 700
- BMX Interest
- Hammond Trail
- Community Garden
- Botanical Garden

Adjournment:

- Adjourned: 7:32pm